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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Brian N Tufte

Dear Sir:

In the Claims

Please and newly presented claims 41-52 as follows

41. (Newly Presented) A method for generating increased revenue after the sale or lease of a data processing system, comprising:

selling or leasing a data processing system to a customer with an initial performance level, the initial performance level being less than the maximum performance level of the data processing system;

configuring the data processing system to have the initial performance level; and 01/16/2001 AGDITOM 00000059 09676162

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